

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:	:
Motoo SUMIDA et al.	:
Application No.: 10/511,829	: Confirmation No.: 8556
Filed: October 20, 2004	: Group Art Unit: 1621
FOR: ASTAXANTHIN MEDIUM-CHAIN FATTY ACID ESTER, PRODUCTION METHOD OF THE SAME AND COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE ESTER (As Amended)	: Examiner: Yaté Kai Rene Cutliff

AMENDMENT, REPLY AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

The present paper responds to the FINAL Office Action mailed July 29, 2008. The period for response extends through December 29, 2008, by the concurrently-filed petition for a two-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.